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1. KIM P. CLINE, BORN MAY 1935 IN KIEN AN PROVINCE OF NORTH VIETNAM, MAIDEN NAME [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 29 AUG 2013], HAS A CERTIFICATE OF WITNESS TO MARRIAGE WITH JACK GILFORD CLINE DATED JULY 1, 1963. MRS. CLINE HAS TWO CHILDREN, A DAUGHTER LAN CLINE AND A SON ROBERT H. CLINE, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 29 AUG 2013], IN AN GIANG PROVINCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. JACK CLINE EXECUTED A VIETNAMESE DECLARATION OF PATERNITY FOR THE BOY IN 1968. HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE FATHER OF THE ELDER DAUGHTER, NOR DOES IT APPEAR THAT HE FORMALLY REGISTERED THE BOY AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN BORN ABROAD.

2. JACK CLINE REPORTEDLY WAS A USAID EMPLOYEE IN VIETNAM UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1971 WHEN HE WENT TO CAMBODIA TO OPEN A BUSINESS WHICH FAILED. THE FAMILY HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIM SINCE MAY 1974 WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY LEFT FOR MANILA.

3. MRS CLINE AND THE TWO CHILDREN WERE SAFEHAVEN DEPENDENTS IN BANGKOK WHILE JACK CLINE WAS WITH USAID AND THEY HAVE REMAINED IN THAILAND EVER SINCE. THEY ARE IN INCREASINGLY DESPERATE FINANCIAL STRAITS AS WELL AS INCREASINGLY FEARFUL OF THEIR CONTINUING RESIDENCE IN THAILAND WITH ONLY SVN TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION.

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4. AT ONE POINT JACK CLINE GAVE AS AN EMERGENCY ADDRESS
3545 FOREST, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND NOTED A G.G. CLINE
OF THE SAME ADDRESS.

5. CAN THE DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JACK GILFORD CLINE OR
MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO SPONSOR MRS.
CLINE AND HER TWO CHILDREN AND EQUALLY VERIFY HER CONTINUING
RELATIONSHIP TO AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHICH WOULD MAKE HER
ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION AS A PAROLEE IN ACCORDANCE
GUIDELINES IN REFTEL? OR CAN DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE/
GUIDANCE AS TO OTHER POSSIBLE CRITERIA WHEREBY MRS. CLINE AND
CHILDREN MAY MEET PAROLE ELIGIBILITY GROUNDS. HER TWELVE-
YEAR MARRIAGE TO AN AMCIT AND CONSEQUENT ASSOCIATION WITH
AMERICANS MAKE IT UNLIKELY SHE MIGHT BE ACCORDED REFUGEE
STATUS IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. EQUALLY, BASED ON CONTINUING
DETERMINATION BY RTG NOT TO ACCEPT REFUGEES, DOUBTFUL SHE CAN
REMAIN IN THAILAND MUCH LONGER EVEN IF FINANCIALLY ABLE.
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